

Command

ISSUES #17

DECEMBER 6, 1976

Origins of World War II finally returns to COMMAND; there are still openings in the Bourse. For those of you who do not have a copy of The General Vol II, no. 4, here is a brief description of the Bourse rules: Each player starts with 500 each of roubles, dollars, marks, francs, and pounds and 10,000 gold units(G). At the end of the game, each unit of currency is worth 5N in units of G, where N is equal to the point score for that country. The winning country's currency is worth 5N plus 50. When the game begins, each player sends in bids and offers on currency; as soon as any bid is greater than or equal to an offer, a sale takes place. (If the bid is greater than the offer, the difference is split). A full report of sales and a list of outstanding bids and offers will be printed along with the game moves; if you want immediate notification of the execution of your transaction, you may send me a postcard or a self-addressed, stamped envelope (note that Bourse play is continuous and not dependent upon the game deadlines). Bids and offers may be made conditional upon game events and split bids and offers are acceptable (sell 50 marks @ 75G and sell 60 marks @ 78G). Bids/offers remain active until executed or withdrawn. During each game turn, 10 units of each currency will be put up for bid by the GM. Game fee for the Bourse is \$1.00.

1975 is no longer suitable for analysis: Edi Birsar has just resigned due to the lack of time and the amount of replacement I've had to make has changed the entire structure of the game. To fill the gap I am attempting to start another game; one that will be run with more player participation to the analysis.

the latest Diplomacy game from my card file and I have had to reconstruct it from my memory book. The list as far as I know is Jules Van Gals, Jack, Carroll. If I have left anyone out or put someone in who doesn't want to play notify me immediately. Also, I need new preferences lists for all of the above.

I have revised my position on stand-by moves. When an NRI occurs, on-the-spot stand-by moves will no longer be made. I will automatically call for stand-by orders to be submitted for the next season and

the name and address of the person submitting stand-by orders will be listed with that game's moves. I will replace a player after two or three consecutive NRI's at my discretion (remember, I will extend a deadline if you feel you can't get your moves in on time). The only exception to this is 1901 moves. In the event of an NRI, Spring 1901 moves will be made as follows:
ENG F East-Notch, Adv-Yor, Fedi H, SWA A Van-Spa, F Bre-MAD, A Far H, ITA A Gen H, A Rom H, F Nap-Tyr, GBR A Gen H, F Kiel-Hol, A Ger-Kiel, AUS ad Vie-Tri, F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Ser, RUS F Bel-Notch, A Mos H, F Sov-Rom, A War-Pol, FUR F Ark H, F Smy H, A Con-Sul. In Fall and Winter 1901, on-the-spot stand-bys will be made.

I am going to attempt a very ambitious project, but one that I think will be very successful: an Intimate Diplomacy tournament. Intimate Diplomacy is a very playable two-man Diplomacy variant invented by Adrian Bird and Steve Foubleday, revised by Steve Whitt (the rules appear in the 1975 IDA Handbook). Each player sends in a preference list for countries, with the first necessary winning preference being assigned. AKA then places the rights to order the pieces of the other five (important) countries in the game (one bid for each country, one bid for each piece). The

for the fun of it and the chance make commitments, keep them. Those are the people who, not only in life but in every endeavor in life, are the glue that make everything stick together.

If Dappy dies as did the IWW (whose former president is/was in this same game), then its tombstone should be inscribed "NMR"!

Sincerely,
Robert W. Beardsley

FOR SALE: For sale or trade All Tobruk (\$8), Jutland (\$5.50) and Panzer Leader (\$6), also hardbound books and mags. Wanted: 25mm Napoleonics.
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GAMES: 1975I COM1 Autumn & Winter 1906
ENG
A22 build A Lon. FRA(A Bel R Pic, A Mun R Bur) remove A Ruhr, Mar. ITA build A Rom. F Naps.

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1975IW COM2 Winter 1904

no builds this season NEG F St. P. R Norway

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PRESS (Italy-France) Please write me so that we can get things coordinated in the Spring.
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1976F COM4 Spring 1904

ENGLAND(kerins) F North Sea- Hol, A Yor H, F Den S RUSS F Swe- Bal, A Kiel- Berlin,
F Wales- Eng Ch, F Helg S F North Sea- Hol.
FRANCE(Johnston) F MAO- Irish, F Bre- Eng Ch, A Bur- Ruhr, A Bel S A Bur- Ruhr, A Mar- Ruhr,
A Gas- Bre.
ITALY(Luchs) A Rom S A Ven, A Ven H, A Alb- Greece, F Ion X S A Alb- Greece.
GERMANY(Bumpas) A Hol- Bel, F Bel S A Hol- Bel, A Mun S A Hol- Bel, (F Bel ret Pru, Both)
AUSTRIA(Anderson) A Tyro- Pied, A Tri S A Vie- Tyro, A Vie- Tyro, A Bud S A Ser,
A Ser S F Bul(SC)- Gre, F Bul(SC)- Gre.
RUSSIA(Young) F StP(SC)- Liv, F Swe- Bal, A War- Gal, A Gal- Boh, A Con Bul,
A Sny- Com, A Rum- Ser, F Aeg S A Con- Bul.

Jeff Anderson has asked to be replaced. AUSTRIA is now being played by:
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PRESS (Paris) Yes peoples of the world, after much deliberation and pussy-puttin around, the French have decided to stand up and fight the English-Russian alliance to the last unit. The French government pleads with the other countries of the world to aid in France's endeavor to defeat this alliance. (That's you guys, Austria and Italy). Please resolve your differences and unite against this common foe.
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1976G COM5 Fall 1904 (almost)

Jeff Anderson has asked to be replaced.
FRANCE is now being played by: Jack Powers, 651 Cleveland Ave Hamilton 45013

WARS F Bul, A Lon. FRA A WALES, PIC, GAS, SPA, F MAO, ENG CH.
ITA A MAR, TRI, VIE, SER, F LYON, TRI, H AND. GAY A HOL, BUR, MUN, F Bul, SKAG, DEN.
RUSS F SWG, A MOS, WAR, HOL, TRI, VIE, SPA, A BUL, SER, H AND, PIC.
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and now was the time, their armies were weakening, by contrast it was as still as the eye of that hurricane on the Black Sea, For days, and days the air stood still, and the haze built up until it was impossible to see. But the battle raged on Russians vs. Turks. "Sir! do you think this will work?" "Of course it will you fool of fools, Our armies are in Ankara, and this navy is not far behind. When I'm through with these Muslims, the Tzarina will be out of her mind with joy." "Oh boy!" "Yes, oh boy, is right! We'll all be decorated with high honors." "Sir?" It was the radio officer running toward Popoff with their orders. "We've been commanded to move as quickly as possible to the Nordic, We're at war with England, and allied with Boris, I of Norway. The Tzarina needs our fleet there immediately." "But I'm not finished with the Turks! This is stupidity!" "That's not all sir, Germany's hostile toward our southern border, If we don't move now, we'll be disobeying orders!" "Damn the orders, FULL SPEED AHEAD!" cried Popoff (Where have I heard that before?)

(Compiègne) German soldiers are marching triumphantly into Paris. The High Command indicated that Paris was saved for cultural and humanitarian reasons. The Kaiser accepts the honorable surrender of France.

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Summer & Fall 1903

ENGLAND(Mathias) F Bar-Norw Sea, A Fin-St.P, A Nor S A Fin-St.P, A Pic-Bre, F Eng Ch S
A Pic-Bre, F North Sea S F Eng Ch.
FRANCE(Acheson) A BRE-Pic* ret Par, A Bur S GER F Bel, A Mar-Gas, F Spa(SC)-MAO,
F Lyon-Spa(SC).
GERMANY(Blanch) F Hol S F Bel, F Bel S F Hol, A Kiel-Mun, A Sil-War, A Tyro S A Boh-vie,
A Boh-Vie, A Gal S AUS A Ser-Rum.
ITALY(Grabar) F Ion-EMed, F Tun-Ion, F Tyrr S F Tun-Ion, A Ven-tyro.
AUSTRIA(Cook) A Tri S GER A Tyro-Ven, A Bud S GER A Boh-Vie, A Ser-Rum, F Alb S Ita F
RUSSIA(Fabry) A Ukr-Sev, A Mos S A Ukr-Sev. Ion-Gre
TURKEY(Edmonds) A Vie-Bud* ret OTB, A Rum S A Vie-Bud* ret Bul,Ukr, Fala Sea-Sev,
Supply Center Count: Sunny

ENG	3 home, NOR, SWE, ST.P, BRE	(7)	build 1
FRA	BRE , PAR, MAR, SPA, POR	(4)	remove 1
GER	3 home, BEL, HOL, DEN, WAR, VIE	(8)	build 1
ITA	3 home, TUN	(4)	even
AUS	ITA, SWE, BRE , TRI, RUM, BUD	(3)	remove 1
RUS	MOS, UKR, SEV	(2)	even
TUR	3 home, BUL, BRE, POR, SER , GRE	(6)	build 1

Press (Paris) I think Lord Rex has got his directions crossed. Russia you say?

(Paris) The English army looms near.

(Brest) Yes, but the question seems to be whether they'll go for the one apparent build or gamble for two.

(Paris) I hope that adequate measures have been taken.

(Brest) I fear that this isn't the case.

(Paris) Oh well; c'est la vie!

(Rome) France, I hope peace is at last at hand.

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Winter 1902

FRANCE (A Bur R Paris). GERMANY build F Kiel. ITALY build F Naples. RUSSIA build A Mos, War

GERMANY is now being played by: Dan Mathias, 7007-D Lachlan Cir., Towson, Md. 21239

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ENGLAND (Johnston) F SLP (H) H. F Nor-Ind. A Yoz-Nor, F Liza-Ing. CR.
FRANCE (Cook) F EngSh-MO, F Bre-Pic, A Spa-Pov, A Bur-H ref. car. Sea, War
GERMANY (A. Trembley) A Den S ENG F Kov-Swa, F NorthSea C SEA A Ger-Mid-Sea, A Bal S A SWW,
A Mun-Bar, A Ruhr S A Nor-Bar, A Sil-War.
ITALY (Vic Brooks) A Ven-Tri, A Tri-Ser, A Vic S RUSS A Bud, F Ion-Tun.
AUSTRIA (Luchs) A Rum-~~Sea~~ Bud, F Gre-Albania.
RUSSIA (Marcell) F Swe H* ref. Skag, Both, Bal, Fin, OTE, A Mos S F Sev, A Ukr S F Sev,
F Sev H, A War H, A Bud S ITAL A Tri-Ser.
TURKEY (Fabry) F Aeg-Gre, A Arm-Sev, F Black Sea-Rum, A Ser S F Black-Rum.

Supply Center Chart			
ENGLAND	3 home, NOR, <u>SLF</u> , <u>SWA</u>	(6)	build 2
FRANCE	3 home, SPA, <u>POR</u>	(5)	build 1
ITALY	3 home, TRI, TUN, VIE	(6)	build 2
GERMANY	3 home, HOL, BEL, DEN	(6)	even
AUSSAID-TRIA-A	BOB , RUM, GRE	(1)	remove 1
RUSSIA	SLF , WAR, MOS, SEV, SWA , NIA , <u>BUD</u>	(4)	remove 2
TURKEY	3 home, BUL, GRE, SER	(6)	build 2

The two mighty armies met on open ground. Our troops were calm, determined. They advanced steadily towards the enemy line. Suddenly a semi-human figure appeared at the head of the Italian Army. It was clad in a toga and was wearing tap dance shoes and a jester's cap. The King of Italy! Our troops stopped in their tracks and began laughing uncontrollably. Italian artillery bombarded our rear with family size pizzas. A Cossack regiment swept through our units, leaving a trail of cheap vodka. In minutes the proud Austrian Army was reduced to a drunken rabble. We retreated.

the fish are contaminated; additional observers remain puzzled and alarmed

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WINTER 1967

TURKISH build F Con
 (Budapest- Munich) Royal navy blue? Can this be a forwarning of events yet to come?
 (Somewhere from the bottom of the Ionian) "I have not yet begun to fight!"
 (London to whom it may concern) The Royal Navy has not been very active thus far in the war. This reporter was intrigued by this apathy in the ranks and went looking for a reason. I was told that the majority of the navy was sent last week, on a secret mission. I am not allowed, at this writing, to disclose the nature of this mission, but does anyone know where they can find Her Majesty a good one or two?

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FRANCE (Johnson) F Paris-English Channel, A Paris-Gascony, A Marseille-Spain.
GERMANY (Hurst) A Berlin-Kiel, A Munich-Ruhr, F Kiel-Denmark.
ITALY (J. Trembley) A Venice-Trieste, A Rome-Apulia, F Naples-Ionian.
AUSTRIA (via Brooks) A Budapest-Galacia, A Vienna-Trieste, F Trieste-Albania.
RUSSIA (McGinnis) A War-Ukraine, A Moscow-Sev, F Sev-Rumania, F St. P. (SC)-Gulf of Rostom.
TURKEY (Falter) A Con-Bulgaria, F Ankara-Black Sea, A Smyrna-Armenia.
Mr. Stan Johnson, P.O. Box 1501, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605.
PRESS:

(London) In an ominous move, King Edward VIII today recalled the Ambassador to the Principality of Montenegro, which last week unilaterally severed diplomatic relations with the British Empire in reprisal for bad calls received during the recent World Admission tournaments....

(Montenegro) The people of Montenegro ask only for peace, and decay near sportsmanship wherever it exists.

(Istanbul, Turkey) Prince Pastig today announced optimism in the current Balkans crisis being settled in peace, but leaks from palace insiders proclaim that Austria has refused to negotiate for peace, but rather has tried every thing to create friction between Russia and Turkey. Despite Turkey's strong pleas with both countries for a peaceful settlement of at least two years, only Russia has responded favorably. Our source also says the Prince has not heard from Austria since Turkey sent her rough draft peace plan on April 6, 1961.

(Ankara, Turkey) External Affairs Office- Officials today laughed at the rumors of Austria-Russian, Austria-Turkey, Russia-Turkey and Italian-Russian Alliance. Rep. Grease F. Fingers said it was an old fascist tactic used to divide and conquer. Turkey will no longer play daisy to such a vulgar display of facism.
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SPRING 1901

ENGLAND (Garrett) F London-English Channel, F Edinburgh-North Sea, A Liverpool-Yorkshire.
FRANCE (Johnson) F Paris-English Channel, A Paris-Gascony, A Marseille-Spain.
GERMANY (Hurst) A Berlin-Kiel, A Munich-Ruhr, F Kiel-Denmark.
ITALY (J. Trembley) A Venice-Trieste, A Rome-Apulia, F Naples-Ionian.
AUSTRIA (via Brooks) A Budapest-Galacia, A Vienna-Trieste, F Trieste-Albania.
RUSSIA (McGinnis) A War-Ukraine, A Moscow-Sev, F Sev-Rumania, F St. P. (SC)-Gulf of Rostom.
TURKEY (Falter) A Con-Bulgaria, F Ankara-Black Sea, A Smyrna-Armenia.

Mr. Stan Johnson, P.O. Box 1501, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605.
PRESS:

(Kiev) The Ministry of Statistics and Information today announced that the number of illegitimate Russian babies fathered by German tourists is rising at an alarming rate. However, nothing is to be feared from this new generation of German-Russians since the ministry has also stated that most of the babies born are retarded.

(Moscow) The Czar of Russia today was old Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany as he left for Berlin after a state visit. In a going-away speech the Kaiser expressed his great love of Mother Russia and said that on his many trips to Russia he had never failed to stop on his way and communicate this love directly to the people. The Czar wished a quick journey home.

(Ankara) With an official communique today, the Young Turk committee proclaimed the creation of the new Turkish Islamic Republic to be headed by Kemal Pasha, hereafter sometimes known as Ataturk. The Sultan retired to his harem where his wives are seeing to his "family". In the absence of any communication from Russia, who had been informed of the new Turkish forces assumed a purely defensive posture to the north so as to ward off any possible blows by Red Russian forces. The new government pledged itself to good relations with all friendly states, especially Italy, whose King John had graciously permitted his Italian subjects to continue to carry out their traditional trade relations with Turkey and New York via Palermo and Marseille. In conjunction with this the new Minister of Secret Trade, H. Linsky (a Russian immigrant) assured the press that the legendary New York Gallison would leave on schedule.

(Mexican) In a dramatic reversal of previous policy, his Holiness the Pope today excommunicated the Austria-Hungarian Empire. Siting the Austrian government as corrupted by greed, lust, dishonesty, and sexual perversity (subjects on which he displayed a most remarkable familiarity) he called upon all good Catholics to reborn the Austrian government and return to the ideals of Christian charity, through violence if necessary.

(Rome) The Minister of Defence revealed today that Field Marshal Caesar Disgustus, commander of all Italian Armed Forces in the Venice military district, following the emotional appeal made by his Holiness the Pope yesterday, had mutinied along with his troops and charged head-long into the Austria-Hungarian Empire. It is not known whether his Majesty the King will be able to regain control over Army Venice.

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GAME REVIEW

MR. PRESIDENT

(3M/AH)

I've always had a lot of respect for the 3M line of games. Acquire is my favorite and one that my non-wargaming friends are willing (nay, eager) to play. After playing Mr. President, I am forced to admit that Acquire is no longer at the top of my list.

Mr. President is a very balanced quite realistic, extremely exciting simulation of a Presidential campaign and election. As a candidate you must decide where (and how much) to campaign, where to advertise, where to try to raise funds, if and when to debate your opponent and about what. Rumors can swing votes toward your opponent, events can swing votes to the undecided column, press endorsements can swing votes your way. Even before the campaign starts you must chose your Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates. Do you nominate the Governor of New York hoping his influence in the state will carry it's 41 electoral votes or do you go with the Congressman from Rhode Island and his strong financial support? Or how about the Senator from Arkansas who is extremely competent at debating?

The mechanics of the game are fairly simple. Each turn you select a region to campaign in; East, South, Mid-West or West. Depending upon the roll of the dice you can campaign in two, three or four states, debate, advertise, or go to campaign headquarters and take your chances on the events of the day while strengthening your home state. You know which states your opponent is campaigning in but you don't know (other than how many times he's campaigned there) how much strength he is building up. In the end, however, it is how well you do in capturing the undecided vote that ultimately decides who runs the country.

While the luck factor is definitely present in this game, it accents the game rather than detract from it. Tactics are all important and a badly run campaign has very little chance of succeeding. But a solid campaign that falls somewhat short coming into the homestretch can turn around fairly quickly as the undecided decide. The best part of the game is counting the vote (popular and/or electoral) and finding out that that last little push in Hawaii has given you the last 4 votes that spells the difference between victory and defeat.

If you decide to buy the game, try to find a copy of the 3M version as it has the outer sleeve for the game box. I haven't seen the Avalon Hill version yet, but I'm sure they must have cut corners.

WARNING!!! This game is addictive!!!

WOODEN SHIPS

COMLS

3b: Ardent, Jason, Eveille, Romulus raise full sails.

America, Bedford drop full sails.

Royal Oak and Prudent uncoupled.

4a: BRITISH (Blank/Kinslaether)

FRENCH (Beardsley/Luchs)

America/1201/1/10 5/4

Bedford/1202/LL/11/4/3

America/1203/12/11/1/1

1204/1/1/1/1/1/1

Ardent/2204/5/d12/63

Jason/2205/5/bb11/63

Eveille/2206/5/11/63

Romulus/2207/5/11/63

Royal Oak/1204/2/q9/33
 Prudent/1204/2/q8/33
 Europe/1206/2L2/m10/33
 Robust/1207/2L2/k9/33

Neptune/2201/2L/m12/53
 Duc de/2101/2L2/1118/53
 Conquerent/2202/2L2/dd19/53
 Provence/2203/2L2/bb16/23

Format is (ship/ID/move/final hex/dir)

3 Indicates full sails

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WOODEN SHIPS

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1b: America, Beifford, Adament, London raise full sails.

2a: BRITISH (Brooks/Zeimian)

FRENCH (Heinowski/Vie Brooks)

America/1201/1/u13/43

Beifford/1202/R/t10/53

Adament/1203/R/r9/53

~~*****/2203/2L/m13/53~~

London/1101/R/p8/53

Royal Oak/1204/0/n7/3 (NMR)

Prudent/1205/0/16/3 (NMR)

Europe/1206/0/j5/3 (NMR)

Robust/1207/0/h4/3 (NMR)

Neptune/2201/L/qql8/1

Duc de/2101/L/ool7/1

Conquerent/2202/L/m16/1

Provence/2203/L/kk15/1

Ardent/2204/L/1114/1

Jason/2205/L/gg13/1

Eveille/2206/L/ee12/1

Romulus/2207/1/cc12/4

Format is (ship/ID/move/final hex/dir) 3 indicates full sails.

Turn 2b and 3a due January 7, 1976

ORIGINS OF WWII

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FF Allocations
Br...Historical

US...Aggressive BR/US
Rus...Anti-Bolshevik

Fr...Aggressive FR/FR
Ger...Aggressive French

Your objectives chart is: _____

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